GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL OLD AGE PENSION SCHEME
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Below Poverty Line people who qualify for national old age pension, State-wise; and

(b) the steps taken or being taken to cover all of them under the scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA)

(a) The Ministry of Rural Development does not maintain record of the number of Below Poverty Line people who qualify for national old age pension.

(b) Ministry of Rural Development now has no scheme for providing old age pension; State Governments/UT Administrations provide old age pension. However, the Ministry of Finance releases funds as Additional Central Assistance in accordance with the allocations made by the Planning Commission to States/UTs to augment their efforts in this regard.